

## 2004-05 Sportfishing Proposals not Included for Public Comment

Proposal description	Submitter	Rationale
<b>Species Rules</b>		
Sprague Lake (Lincoln and Adams Co) put a daily limit of 25 or 35 on perch, bluegill and crappie.	Robert Butler	This issue is partly addressed in the staff proposal for a minimum size and daily limit for crappie in Sprague Lake and several other lakes. We do not support a limit on bluegill or perch at this time.
No size or daily limit for brook trout in rivers or lakes	Washington Trout	Modified version supported by staff and included in package - no size or daily limit for Eastern brook trout in rivers, streams and beaver ponds.
No size or daily limit for walleye statewide	Washington Trout	Given the historical introduction, proliferation, and public demand for these species, WDFW long ago made the commitment to manage them to the state's best advantage, including minimizing their impact to native fishes. Harvest has little impact on the smaller walleye that are the most predaceous on salmonids. Studies on the Columbia and Snake rivers have found that walleye predation on salmonids was less than 10% and much lower than the native northern pikeminnow.
No size or daily limit for channel catfish statewide	Washington Trout	Even though channel catfish have very low predation rates on salmonids, the current rules in most of the Columbia, Snake, and Yakima Rivers are already no size or daily limit for these fish. We intentionally stock them in some ponds and lowland lakes and want to retain the daily limit in these waters. For these reasons we do not support the proposed statewide rule.
No size or daily limit for tiger muskie statewide	Washington Trout	Tiger muskie are mostly predaceous on larger prey such as northern pikeminnow and suckers and have shown little interest in preying on the much smaller migrating salmonids.
No size or daily limit for bass	Washington Trout	Current statewide bass rule is a better choice to maintain balanced bass populations which have lower predation impacts. Unregulated bass populations result in unbalanced populations that are denser, and are mostly made up of bass under 12". These smaller bass usually have a higher predation impact on small migrating salmonids.
Bass tournaments - all anglers should have to purchase a license or permit allowing them to possess bass that don't meet state rules in place for the water fished. Alternative is to have contest participants abide by all the same rules as non-contestants	Henry Visker	All bass and walleye tournaments following weigh-ins, return to the water all caught 12"-17" bass. This is similar to the catch and release angling that all bass and walleye anglers enjoy. Tournament anglers may only temporarily retain 12-17" fish if they have a live well with a pump to circulate fresh water so that "protected slot" fish can be safely released unharmed. The general fishing public can still fish for and catch 12-17" bass, but must release them immediately.
Daily limit for trout in lakes, ponds and reservoirs should be 3.	Teeg Stouffer	Five fish, no min. size is appropriate for lake fisheries supported by hatchery catchable plants. Rather than decreasing the daily limit, we prefer a limit on the number of large fish retained in selected areas where large fish are present. This reduction in the daily limit may actually reduce angler participation.
<b>Gear Rules</b>		
Create a buoyant lure restriction to include "hooks must be attached to or below the floating lure. No hook may be tied above the lure. Hook size no greater than 1/2" from point to shank.	Ron Rinear	A modified proposal without the hook size restriction was included in the mailout for public comment.

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More barbless hooks used for salmon and steelhead and get rid of the treble hooks on plugs for salmon and steelhead.	Ralph Hatzenbeler	Hook regulations are generally considered on a case by case basis and barbless hooks are in use now in all marine areas.
Make it unlawful to use spider wire, fire line or any type of similar line for game fish, statewide.	Alvin Uhl	No good reason offered to prohibit new line technology. WDFW would need much more evidence that any particular gear was detrimental to the resource in an unintended way before outlawing said gear.
Require barbless hooks statewide in fresh water for any non-handicapped angler over the age of 12 (or some age from 10-16)	Dean Albertson	The Commission rejected a similar proposal in the last major cycle - research doesn't indicate that barbless hooks reduce hooking mortality
No treble hooks on streams (exception might be made for Snake and Columbia rivers for bass fishing)	Patrick Michellien	Hook regulations are generally considered on a case by case basis. Continue to use selective gear rules and the non-buoyant lure rule on a case-by-case basis.
No treble hooks allowed on streams and rivers - exception would be for lures that float while at rest on the Columbia system	James Wallace	A freshwater rule banning treble hooks is too restrictive---continue to use selective gear rules and non-buoyant lure restriction on a case-by-case basis.
All species - change rules to provide equal opportunity to all groups (bait, flyfishers, plunkers, etc) Fly fishing only or selective gear rules discriminate.	James Hearn	Different gear restrictions provide fishing opportunity diversity for a diverse clientele that wants variety. Bait prohibitions applied on a case-by-case basis also are used to protect fish resources from excessive hooking mortality.
Steelhead and salmonid species statewide, year-round. When fishing with a guide, must use selective gear rules.	Marty Michaelis	Unfairly discriminates against fishing guides and their clients on waters where bait is a legal and effective fishing method for steelhead and salmon.
Change opening day from June 1 to first day of the three-day Memorial Day weekend	Dean Albertson	Streams are opened on June 1 to protect outmigrating juveniles. Late spawning steelhead remain a concern. A basic argument for keeping the present season opener was to reduce the impact of Memorial Day fishing intensity on wild trout populations. Memorial Day is not always the last weekend of May, there is a potential for a severe impact to salmonid smolts outmigrating - as many as 10% of smolts may migrate during the last week of May.
Allow anglers to continue to fish (catch and release) after retaining a limit.	Dean Albertson	Not for marine fish - too much mortality from hyperbaric injury. Promotes "high grading" and release of smaller, dead fish of all species.
Marine Areas - do not allow anglers to continue fishing or use juvenile catch cards to continue fishing until boat limit is reached.	Jim Williamson	Boat limit recently adopted is working well.
Change definition of snagged fish to one not hooked in the mouth (not also on the head)	George Poteet	Mailout will include a proposal that 1) defines the head 2) makes it illegal to possess a fish taken for personal use from fresh water that was not hooked inside the mouth or on the head.
<b>Sea-run Cutthroat</b>		
Release all sea-run cutthroat December 1 - May 31 in rivers.	William Rambo	Current regulations allow retention only in streams with adequate production otherwise retention of coastal cutthroat is not allowed.
Allow year-round fishing for sea-run cutthroat and salmon from the beaches of Marine Areas 8-1,8-2, 9, 10, 11, 12, and 13.	Leland Miyawaki	Already open year round for cutthroat but must be catch and release - salmon season is an issue for N. of Falcon.

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Marine area 8-2 should be open to 1 sea-run cutthroat and or Dolly Varden 14" minimum size May through September.	Brock Strickland	Area suggested is a mixed stock area (Skagit,Stillaguamish/Snohomish) Bull trout stocks are known to distribute widely in marine areas, while some bull trout stocks are healthy for some harvest others are not. Fishing in this area may allow harvest on weaker stocks.
Marine Area 8-2 re-open the sea-run cutthroat and or Dolly Varden fishery - daily limit 2 (or could settle for 1) , minimum size 14".	Brock Strickland	Area suggested is a mixed stock area (Skagit,Stillaguamish/Snohomish) Bull trout stocks are known to distribute widely in marine areas, while some bull trout stocks are healthy for some harvest others are not. Fishing in this area may allow harvest on weaker stocks.
<b>General Management</b>		
Reduce or eliminate planting of 6-10" trout and landlocked salmon for "put and take" fishery	William Rambo	This is a management suggestion, not a regulation proposal. There is a high economic value to these fisheries.
for "trout only managed lakes" undesirable species (bass, spiny rays) should have no daily limit and no size restriction.	Ernie Buchanan	Current bass rule is a better choice for mixed species waters. This proposal would promote continued illegal spread of warmwater fish into trout lakes.
Change selective fishery waters (lakes) to fly fishing only and catch & release.	Martin Weis	This is too restrictive and would eliminate established quality angling opportunities for non fly fishing anglers.
Consider a 10" minimum size, no maximum on trout and bass, daily limit 4 in all streams and lakes for a fee on a special permit.	Martin Wester	Statewide stream management for trout is based on natural production. A two fish daily limit has been determined to be the best management practice. The current bass rule is a better choice to maintain a balanced bass population and provide a better fishery.
Designate each freshwater water body as trout waters, spiny ray waters, or mixed waters. For trout waters it would be legal to return any spiny rays caught, spear fishing for spiny rays is permitted and no daily limit or size limit on spiny rays.	Stewart Jim Briggs	The current bass rule is a better choice to maintain a balanced bass population and provide a better fishery. Sometimes encouraging fishing for a species that was introduced illegally only encourages more illegal stocking.
Dedicate 2 rivers in each region as natural rivers - no fish planted or harvested	John Farrar	There are already many streams or sections of streams where no fish are planted and all fish are required to be released. Management needs are better addressed on a case-by-case basis.
Divide each river into 4 sections. Upper area closed. Next area closed one year - If escapement goal is not met, next area down is closed two years, if goal is not met, whole river is closed for 3 years.	James Hearn	More of a management option than regulation proposal. We already do a lot of these things, i.e. close seasons on portions of a river to protect spawning fish or limit harvest, but on a case-by-case basis - not in such a regimented way.
<b>Licensing</b>		
Have one adhesive sticker divided equally between WDFW and WA State Parks to put on your vehicle for access area parking. Leave one side blank if the person only purchases one permit. Have a space on each portion for a yearly validation sticker (like on c	Reg Morgan	Will send to Licensing for discussion with Parks and Recreation -not a sport rule.
Senior license prices should start at age 62 or 65.	Ronald Zeuschel	Proposal will be forwarded to the Director's Office and Business Services Program (Licensing Div.). Not a sportfishing rule change proposal.

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Charge a license fee to canoes and rafters for river use	James Hearn	Not within our ability to regulate or license these users.
<b>Not Proposals</b>		
Get more bank access - make some handicapped accessible.	Darrell Kearns	WDFW strives to provide access for all types of anglers. If there are areas where WDFW has failed to provide some shoreline or handicapped access, we would like to know more about anglers' concerns.
No possession limits or trip limits for charter skippers or deck hands on paying trips.	John Bergquist	Unclear as to whether this means skippers and deck hands should not be able to fish, or whether no possession limit should apply to them.
All species - commercial ocean fishing license cost should be equitable with sport license fees (commercials catch about 1/2 of the fish)	James Hearn	Not a sport regulation- fees set by the State Legislature.
New commercial Indian fishing in the ocean (including crab) shall be licensed and changed the same as non-native commercial fishers	James Hearn	The State does not license tribal fishers.
Increase fines to \$1000 for killing wild chinook salmon in closed waters and publicize it	Keith Robbins	Not a rule proposal. Fine amount not at the discretion of WDFW.
<b>Pamphlet Issues</b>		
Quilcene River - Rodgers St to Hwy 101 add "no public access without landowner permission see page 20.	Ron and Rose Nowak	Pamphlet issue - not a rule change - will be forwarded to fishing pamphlet committee for their review.
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Clearer definitions of marine areas. Shaded areas in Area 7 have not direct ties to the text. Maybe create areas 7-1 and 7-2	Michael Lynch	Pamphlet issue - not a rule change - will be forwarded to fishing pamphlet committee for their review.
<b>Two Poles</b>		
Allow 2 rods in fresh water with the purchase of a 2nd rod stamp. Money goes toward conservation education.	Kenneth Schueler	Commission made the decision last major cycle that they did not support the concept of more than one rod per fisher.
Allow 2 rods statewide with the purchase of a 2nd rod stamp.	Larry Williams	Commission made the decision last major cycle that they did not support the concept of more than one rod per fisher.

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Allow anglers to purchase a license to fish with two poles in lakes and rivers.	Nick Naccarato	Commission made the decision last major cycle that they did not support the concept of more than one rod per fisher.
Allow two poles in fresh water for a \$5.00 fee.	Norbert Wehrli	Commission made the decision last major cycle that they did not support the concept of more than one rod per fisher.
Change the one fishing pole per person rule.	Kirk Bramlett	Commission made the decision last major cycle that they did not support the concept of more than one rod per fisher.
Change rule that limits fishing to one line for all species except steelhead.	Jerry Vigil	Commission made the decision last major cycle that they did not support the concept of more than one rod per fisher.
Allow a 2nd line with a special permit	John Mataka	Commission made the decision last major cycle that they did not support the concept of more than one rod per fisher.
Allow one extra fishing pole for the boat when fishing for salmon.	John Bergquist	Commission made the decision last major cycle that they did not support the concept of more than one rod per fisher.
Allow sport fishers to have a stamp for \$7 that allows them to fish 2 rods in a boat.	Gene Brown	Commission made the decision last major cycle that they did not support the concept of more than one rod per fisher.
<b>Crab</b>		
Open crabbing year-round to ring nets and star traps	Christian Nelson	Would promote wastage - soft shell damage.
Open Marine Areas 8-2 and 9 from Picnic Point to the Shipwreck at the same time for crabbing to cut down on poaching. Also, open Mid-April or no later than May 1.	Chris Paulson	Crab seasons are now set to avoid softshell periods. Staff proposal would open Area 9 June 1 and Area 8-2 May 16.
Stricter limits for commercial crabbers in Port Susan Bay.	David Johnson	This is an allocation issue and is addressed by a policy adopted by the Commission.
Marine Area 7 - allow harvest of Dungeness and rock crab by wading year-round.	Darrell Kearns	Would promote wastage - soft shell damage. Crab mortality is not instantaneous but delayed - direct observation of mortalities is unlikely.
Reduce Dungeness crab limit from six to five	Todd Osborne	Proposals to reduce crab bag limit were not supported - our Crab Advisory Group favors other means to lengthen season (Puget Sound)
Limit crabs to 4 per day and Saturdays and Sundays only.	Robin Hutchison	Proposals to reduce crab bag limit were not supported - our Crab Advisory Group favors other means to lengthen season (Puget Sound)
Dungeness crab in area 8-2 - daily limit 4 in the summer. Open all of 8-2 at the same time instead of in sections.	Ken Bacon	Proposals to reduce crab bag limit were not supported - our Crab Advisory Group favors other means to lengthen season (Puget Sound). Staff proposal would open Area 8-2 on May 16.
Reduce daily limit for crab to 4 in Puget Sound year-round.	Donna Palmer	Proposals to reduce crab bag limit were not supported - our Crab Advisory Group favors other means to lengthen season (Puget Sound)
<b>Shrimp</b>		
Allow two shrimp pots per buoy line in Puget Sound.	Mark Richardson	Affects the catch per unit of effort relationship used for estimating harvest because we would not be able to tell how many pots are attached to a buoy.
Change daily limit for spot shrimp in Puget Sound and Hood Canal from 80 to 40.	Todd Osborne	Public preference is to prolong fishery through other methods while maintaining quality catch experience.
Marine Areas 8-1, 8-2, 9, 10, 11, 12, and 13 - open for spot shrimp only on Saturdays.	Jeff Kruse	We have a very limited amount of staff available to monitor these fisheries. If all areas were open on the same day we could not monitor them all. So staggered openings become necessary.

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Marine Areas 8-1, 8-2, 9, 10, 11, 12, and 13 - eliminate commercial spot shrimp season and extend the recreational season.	Jeff Kruse	Allocation issue for F&W Commission - not a proposal we can accommodate.
Make Burrows Bay a recreational only shrimp fishing area.	Steware Jim Briggs	This proposal was sent to the Shrimp Advisory group for their review.
Hood Canal shrimp fishery should be open more hours each day.	Norm Curtis	In discussions with our Advisory Group and the general public, the majority seem to favor having seasons standardized as much as possible, rather than seasons set around tidal cycles that would change from year to year.
Razor clam season - have a shorter season, but have it open on consecutive days.	Henry Binion	Consecutive day openings are already allowed when season is compressed or during holiday periods. There are annual public planning meetings for the razor clam seasons.
Marine Areas 6,7,8-1, 8-2, 9, 10, 11, 12, and 13 - lingcod fishery open on Wednesdays and Saturdays only.	Jeff Kruse	Lingcod are rebuilding - further restrictions unnecessary at this time.
Marine Areas 5-13 - lengthen the spearfishing season for lingcod to May 1 - June 15 with a maximum size of 40".	Whatcom County MRC	We recently leveled playing field between divers and line anglers by adjusting lengths of seasons.
No live bait allowed for ling cod.	John Bergquist	Lingcod stocks are increasing/rebuilding . Keep current rules in place for Puget Sound.
Marine Areas 4,5,6,7,8-1,8-2, 9, 10, 11, 12, and 13 - lingcod size for spear fishermen - minimum 22", maximum 40".	Mark Nihart	We just recently changed spear season to level playing field due to no size limit for divers. A size limit is impossible to enforce underwater - further protections not needed currently as rebuilding is occurring with existing rules.
Marine Areas 4,5,6,7,8-1,8-2, 9, 10, 11, 12, and 13 - lingcod season for divers should be the same six week period as for hook and line fishermen.	Mark Nihart	We just recently changed spear season to level playing field due to no size limit for divers.
Marine Areas 4,5,6. Increase minimum size of ling cod to 30".	Mike McHenry	A small slot limit is not needed to protect lingcod stocks as they are increasing under the current rules.
Close inside Puget Sound to all bottom fishing	Keith Robbins	A total closure to bottomfishing is not necessary and would take away all angling opportunity because of the incidental catch during other fisheries. A rockfish non-retention option has been included in range of options for rockfish protection that are listed in the mailout for public comment.
Close lingcod to divers	Keith Robbins	Current rules with reduced diver season in place are equitable and stocks are rebuilding.
Open the halibut fishery in MA 9,10, and 11 on April 1.	Ken Paige	Proposal sent for discussion to the Halibut Advisory Group and Halibut Commission.
Increase daily limit for rockfish in Puget Sound to 5. Add a catch record card requirement and a yearly limit of 40 or 50 fish. Close season by emergency based on creel survey information.	James Boudovsque	Rockfish populations are currently depleted in Puget Sound. Liberalization of rockfish regulations would be counter-productive. See the proposals for rockfish conservation in the mailout for further discussion.
Close Marine Areas 4-13 to rockfish fishing year-round	Whatcom County MRC	A rockfish non-retention option has been included in range of options for rockfish protection that are listed in the mailout for public comment.

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Marine Areas 4-13 closed to rockfish fishing except during salmon and lingcod seasons and all catch of rockfish must be reported to WDFW as to type, size, time and location.	Whatcom County MRC	A rockfish non-retention option has been included in range of options for rockfish protection that are listed in the mailout for public comment. Improved catch accounting and biological sampling options are currently being considered by the Department.
Remove the Agate Pass closure (Jan-March)	Conrad Schloredt	We haven't given up on true cod yet - pursuing marine aquaculture as a means of potential recovery aid.
Consider reef balls for Washington's endangered bottomfish	Donald Larson	Interesting idea - not really a sportfishing rule proposal. Need follow up on cost, need and permits.
Marine Areas 4 and 5 - open fishery for wolf eel year-round, daily limit 1.	Mike Ramsdell	No info on stock structure or known available surplus.
<b>Marine Preserves</b>		
Marine and intertidal areas designated as marine reserves by the Seattle Parks Commission in Golden Gardens, Carkeek Park, South Alki/Richey Viewpoint, Lincoln Park, Schmitz Viewpoint, and Discovery Park closed to harvest of all species (fish and invertebrates).	Mike Sato Richard Osborne	Current Park regulations have these areas closed or restricted on harvest. Most are in intertidal areas and owned by Seattle parks. Some complement of authorities is possible but most habitat is not related to rockfish habitat.
Marine area described by a 200-yd buffer around all USFWS San Juan Islands National Wildlife Refuges in Area 7 (except Matia and Turn Islands) designated WDFW marine conservation areas and closed to the harvest of all fish and invertebrates.	Mike Sato Richard Osborne	Current USFWS advisories warn vessels off to a 200 yard buffer around designated islands for protection of birds and marine mammals (San Juan Islands National Wildlife Refuges). Through development of a rockfish conservation plan in 2004, the Department will be working with stakeholders and other governments to create a more integrated and comprehensive approach for identifying specific objectives and selecting locations of fishing area closures and/or marine protected areas.
<b>Salmon</b>		
Open Marine Area 9 to allow retention of hatchery Chinook July 1 - August 31.	Jeff Rhodes	This is decided annually at North of Falcon process. Proposal will be forwarded. See information in mailout and on website about how to become involved in this process.
Allow anglers to keep wild coho in Area 5 in September.	William Ferman	This is decided annually at North of Falcon process. Proposal will be forwarded. See information in mailout and on website about how to become involved in this process.
Change eastern boundary of the Chinook selective fishery in Area 6 (July 5 - July 31) from Ediz Hook to Point Wilson.	Duane Nail	This is decided annually at North of Falcon process. Proposal will be forwarded. See information in mailout and on website about how to become involved in this process.
Open king salmon fishery on the Skagit River May 1 - July 31.	Darrell Kearns	This is decided annually at North of Falcon process. Proposal will be forwarded. See information in mailout and on website about how to become involved in this process.
NF Nooksack - add a catch and release fishery up to Maple Falls from November 1 - December 31.	Darrell Kearns	This is decided annually at North of Falcon process. Proposal will be forwarded. See information in mailout and on website about how to become involved in this process.
Columbia River - Bonneville Dam to mouth - drop the selective fishery for chinook.	Robert Mitcham	A selective fishery is the only way to provide meaningful opportunity on spring chinook.
Ocean sport fishing should be closed on Sunday and Monday and open Friday and Saturday.	Ron Pease	This is decided annually at North of Falcon process. Proposal will be forwarded. See information in mailout and on website about how to become involved in this process.

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Marine Area 12 - make the north of Ayock Point salmon fishery a north of Triton Head fishery instead.	William Aker	This is decided annually at North of Falcon process. Proposal will be forwarded. See information in mailout and on website about how to become involved in this process. This boundary coincides with the area north of which is closed to protect Hamma Hamma, Duckabush and Dosewallips chinook.
Sinclair Inlet salmon fishery - open year-round for chinook	Henry Altenburg	The fishery is designed to harvest hatchery chinook returning to Gorst Creek- blackmouth from many other stocks utilize this area during other times of the year. The specifics for this fishery are decided annually at North of Falcon process. Proposal will be forwarded. See information in mailout and on website about how to become involved in this process.
Sinclair Inlet July 1 - October 31 - increase the daily limit to 3 salmon.	Henry Altenburg	This is decided annually at North of Falcon process. Proposal will be forwarded. See information in mailout and on website about how to become involved in this process. The standard two fish bag limit is appropriate. Most anglers in this area do not catch the 2 fish limit. Raising it would create false expectations and will not decrease surpluses at Gorst Cr.
Daily limit for salmon in MA 5,6,7,8-1, 8-2, 9, 10, 11, 12 and 13 should be 2 from Jan 1 through April 30.	Jerry Vigil	This is decided annually at North of Falcon process. Proposal will be forwarded. See information in mailout and on website about how to become involved in this process.
Elliot Bay should be open to salmon fishing Aug 1 - Sept 30 7 days a week. Tribes should fish sockeye 2 days a week.	Primo Balletti	This is decided annually at North of Falcon process. Proposal will be forwarded. See information in mailout and on website about how to become involved in this process.
Open chinook and pink season inside Discovery Bay. Wants more spot shrimp openings	No name	More shrimp openings where? Would 2 days/week (Sat/Thursday) meet the need? The chinook and pink season inside Discovery Bay is decided annually at North of Falcon process. Proposal will be forwarded. See information in mailout and on website about how to become involved in this process.
Pt Wilson area should be open for salmon when either area 6 or 9 are open. Otherwise, you should clearly define where the boundary is (same for Partridge Pt)	Keith Jackson	This is decided annually at North of Falcon process. Proposal will be forwarded. See information in mailout and on website about how to become involved in this process. Should look at clarifying this at N. of Falcon.
Need more beach fisheries for salmon in all areas. Could be single barbless hooks only. Or open the salmon season for catch and release and fly fishing only. Or allow anglers to keep only marked fish.	Keith Jackson	This is decided annually at North of Falcon process. Proposal will be forwarded. See information in mailout and on website about how to become involved in this process. Look at potential for more beach fisheries at N. of Falcon.
Hood Canal should be open for chinook salmon in all areas at the same time.	Keith Jackson	Certain time and area closures are necessary for protection of critical and listed salmon stocks. This is decided annually at North of Falcon process. Proposal will be forwarded. See information in mailout and on website about how to become involved in this process.
Chum harvest in Hoodsport hatchery zone - should allow foul-hooked chum to be kept (with no overt snagging allowed) and increase the limit to 6 or 7.	Keith Jackson	A four fish bag is sufficient and helps with turnover of anglers in a limited area - allowing retention of foul hooked fish is problematic with Enforcement. This is decided annually at North of Falcon process. Proposal will be forwarded. See information in mailout and on website about how to become involved in this process.



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Quilcene River - should be able to keep snagged silver salmon during the regular season.	John McDuff	Consistent department position has been to oppose snagging. Listed summer chum are also present and may be adversely affected by allowing snagging. This is decided annually at North of Falcon process. Proposal will be forwarded. See information in mailout and on website about how to become involved in this process.
Consider returning to the 2000 fish limit wild or hatchery chinook as in previous years.	Jim Fureby	This is decided annually at North of Falcon process. Proposal will be forwarded. See information in mailout and on website about how to become involved in this process.
Re-open the area south of a line from Restoration Point in area 10 to summer chinook fishing.	George Larsen	This is decided annually at North of Falcon process. Proposal will be forwarded. See information in mailout and on website about how to become involved in this process.
Close inner Elliot Bay king fishery. Give our share to the tribes.	George Larsen	A significant amount of recreational catch occurs in this area. This is decided annually at North of Falcon process. Proposal will be forwarded. See information in mailout and on website about how to become involved in this process.
Return to the 2000 chinook limit in area 5.	Jim Fureby	This is decided annually at North of Falcon process. Proposal will be forwarded. See information in mailout and on website about how to become involved in this process.
Allow salmon to be snagged in the Quilcene River	John McDuff	The consistent department position has been to oppose snagging. This is decided annually at North of Falcon process. Proposal will be forwarded. See information in mailout and on website about how to become involved in this process.
Allow anglers to snag hatchery chum salmon in rivers and saltwater terminal fisheries using only single barbless hooks.	John McDuff	The consistent department position has been to oppose snagging. This is decided annually at North of Falcon process. Proposal will be forwarded. See information in mailout and on website about how to become involved in this process.
Should have longer seasons for blackmouth and king salmon. The limit should be 2 fish. The area from Restoration Point to Alki Point should be re-opened to allow fishing from Alki, Lincoln Park and Blake Island.	Raymond Vodopost	This is decided annually at North of Falcon process. Proposal will be forwarded. See information in mailout and on website about how to become involved in this process.
In 2004 and in the future, Area 10, Elliott Bay should be open for salmon on fishing	Rose Abbate	This is decided annually at North of Falcon process. Proposal will be forwarded. See information in mailout and on website about how to become involved in this process.
No treble hooks allowed in Marine Areas (primarily for salmon)	Jim Williamson	Modified and placed in mailout for comment.
All marine areas open to beach fishing for salmon year-round.	Jim Williamson	This is decided annually at North of Falcon process. Proposal will be forwarded. See information in mailout and on website about how to become involved in this process.
Allow salmon legally caught in Canada to be landed fresh in WA ports if fisher possesses a Canadian license and salmon stamp and catch the salmon during an open Canadian season.	Tim Holt	NOTE: this rationale applies to all of the proposals in this section. Puget Sound recreational fisheries are strictly limited by maximum allowable exploitation rates on Puget Sound Chinook, listed as threatened under the Endangered Species Act (ESA). The types of marine salmon fisheries annually implemented through the North of Falcon process are carefully planned to strike an equitable balance of fishing opportunity across months and areas throughout Puget Sound. In recent years, salmon fishery closures have been implemented in a number of times and areas to reduce exploitation rates on listed chinook and comply with our legal requirements under ESA. There has been an interest among a number of U.S. anglers who fish in waters bordering Canada to be able to boat across the international boundary and fish for chinook when Washington waters are closed, then land those fish back in the state.

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Allow salmon legally caught in Canada to be landed fresh in WA ports if fisher possesses a Canadian license and salmon stamp and catch the salmon during an open Canadian season.	Ernie Holt	This allowance would encourage increased fishing effort and have the opposite affect intended by our closures – that is to reduce exploitation rates. The additional landing of chinook caught in Canadian waters would increase the exploitation rates on listed Puget Sound chinook stocks and simply create a need to implement additional closures in other
Allow salmon legally caught in Canada to be landed fresh in WA ports if fisher possesses a Canadian license and salmon stamp and catch the salmon during an open Canadian season.	Vic Holt	Puget Sound areas to counteract these increased impacts. This would disrupt the fragile balance of marine recreational fishing opportunities that we have tried to achieve across geographic areas within Puget Sound. This proposal to allow landings of Canadian caught salmon during Washington closures has received considerable discussion during the
Allow salmon legally caught in Canada to be landed fresh in WA ports if fisher possesses a Canadian license and salmon stamp and catch the salmon during an open Canadian season.	Evelyn Holt	See above rationale.
Allow salmon legally caught in Canada to be landed fresh in WA ports if fisher possesses a Canadian license and salmon stamp and catch the salmon during an open Canadian season.	Deb Holt	See above rationale.
Allow salmon legally caught in Canada to be landed fresh in WA ports if fisher possesses a Canadian license and salmon stamp and catch the salmon during an open Canadian season.	Becky Holt	See above rationale.
Allow landing of Canadian-caught salmon into a closed port if angler has a Canadian license.	Wayne King	See above rationale.
In Marine areas 4-7, during Canadian open salmon seasons, allow Canadian-caught salmon to be landed into US ports regardless of the season status in adjacent US waters.	Ben Davis	See above rationale.
Allow salmon legally caught in Canada to be landed fresh in Washington ports in Marine Areas 4,5,6, and 7.	Barbara Blake	See above rationale.
Allow salmon legally caught in Canada to be landed fresh in WA ports	James Maggard	See above rationale.
Marine Areas 4,5,6,and 7 - allow salmon legally caught in Canada to be landed fresh in Washington ports even if waters adjacent to these ports are not open to salmon fishing.	Bob Black	See above rationale.
Marine areas 4,5,6,and 7 - allow legally caught Canadian salmon to be landed fresh into WA ports.	William Turner	See above rationale.
Wild steelhead shall not be fully removed from the water in wild steelhead release waters	Ryan Petzold	Modified and placed in mailout for comment.
Make it unlawful to remove a wild steelhead from the water during a catch and release fishery.	Richard Simms	Modified and placed in mailout for comment.

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Steelhead - when release is required, fish shall not be removed from the water and shall be released within 60 seconds of landing.	James Hearn	Modified and placed in mailout for comment.
Remove the use of bait and double #4 hook setups commonly used by steelhead fishermen during the summer.	William Ferro III	As written applies statewide. Legislation prohibits us from implementing this type of bait ban. Applying a specific gear rule to only one species causes enforcement problems.
All fisheries for wild steelhead, catch and release included, should be closed March 1 - May 31 unless predicted adult returns equal or exceed escapement goals.	James Mason	Not really a sport rule - policy call. A Statewide Steelhead Management Plan is being developed. Will forward this suggestion to this process.
Close all fishing in areas providing primary spawning habitat for wild steelhead March 1 - May 31.	James Mason	Current regulations address most of these concerns.
Western WA rivers - place a 21" minimum size on rainbow trout.	Richard Burge, Nate Mantua	The current statewide rule for trout in streams is an 8" minimum size when sea-run cutthroat are not present. If sea-run cutthroat are present, the minimum size becomes 14". These minimum size limits protect resident spawning rainbows and sea-run cutthroat by allowing the majority of the females to spawn once before becoming available for harvest.
Close wild steelhead harvest November - January statewide.	Richard Burge, Nate Mantua	In those waters that are an exception to the statewide rule of wild steelhead release, harvest for winter fish is not allowed until December. The one wild fish/day spreads out wild harvest throughout the winter season (December through April). In addition, the majority of the waters that provide wild harvest opportunity also have catch-and-release areas that provide sanctuaries for early-returning wild steelhead.
Allow the use of barbless hooks only November - February for steelhead	Richard Burge, Nate Mantua	Research has shown that hooking mortality on adult fish is virtually the same with barbed or barbless hooks.
Reduce limit of wild steelhead from 5 a year to 2 a year.	Richard Burge, Nate Mantua	The Commission considered wild steelhead annual limits during the last major rule change cycle. It is too soon to consider an additional reduction.
To select steelhead broodstock: 1) indigenous; 2) wild; 3) river of origin; 4) no returnees to be reused. After 5 years all fish shall be considered as broodstock.	James Hearn	Not really a sport rule - policy call. A Statewide Steelhead Management Plan is being developed. Will forward this suggestion to this process.
All steelhead breeding will be conducted using live fish method of breeding (release of fish after spawning)	James Hearn	Not really a sport rule - policy call. A Statewide Steelhead Management Plan is being developed. Will forward this suggestion to this process.
Steelhead - use 10% of the largest fish returning as broodstock	James Hearn	Not really a sport rule - policy call. A Statewide Steelhead Management Plan is being developed. Will forward this suggestion to this process.
Steelhead - all 4 year or over fish to be used as broodstock	James Hearn	Not really a sport rule - policy call. A Statewide Steelhead Management Plan is being developed. Will forward this suggestion to this process.
Steelhead - no catch and release exclusive areas	James Hearn	The Department strives to provide a diversity of opportunities for steelhead anglers. The majority of anglers currently prefer to utilize wild fish opportunities through catch and release fisheries. Thus, the Department will continue to provide this type of opportunity where appropriate.

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Steelhead - legal fish shall be punched and counted toward possession whether kept or released	James Hearn	The Department tried this during the 1990s when the steelhead catch record card was not combined with other species. Follow-up surveys showed that anglers did not record released fish accurately. This, along with complications related to allocation with treaty Tribes and adding other species to the catch record card resulted in the Department dropping this requirement.
Remove annual limit for hatchery steelhead. (Retain annual limit for wild fish )	WDFW staff	This issue was addressed thoroughly during the last regulation development cycle. There was considerable public support for this proposal but the Commission chose not to adopt it.
Eliminate the 16 exceptions to the statewide catch and release of wild steelhead	John Huard	NOTE: This rationale applies to all of the proposals in this section. The Commission considered this during the last major regulation change cycle and did not adopt it. It is too soon to re-address this issue. In addition, not allowing wild steelhead under any circumstances will complicate allocation issues with treaty tribes.
Eliminate exception areas - i.e. catch and release of wild steelhead statewide	Scott Braun	See above rationale.
Prohibit harvest (kill) of wild steelhead with no exceptions	Bill Redman	See above rationale.
Release all wild steelhead - absolutely no kill	Robert Triggs	See above rationale.
Wild steelhead and salmon release mandatory	Brian Sittlow	See above rationale.
Mandatory release of all wild steelhead at all times	Jack Berryman	See above rationale.
Year-round statewide release of all wild steelhead	Randy Emerson	See above rationale.
Eliminate all exceptions that permit the killing of wild steelhead	Wild Steelhead Coalition	See above rationale.
Statewide release for all wild steelhead - no exceptions	Ryan Swanson	See above rationale.
Wild steelhead release all year	Renny Mason	See above rationale.
Wild steelhead release should be mandated on all streams of the state.	Washington Council of Trout Unlimited - Jim Tuggle	See above rationale.
Release all wild steelhead - no exceptions	Jerry Schroeder	See above rationale.
Wild steelhead release; selective fisheries during the smolt season; change indiscriminate commercial/tribal methods	Jim Mukai	See above rationale. Smolt protection accomplished by seasonal and area closures - legislation does not permit a total bait ban.
It shall be unlawful to kill a wild steelhead coming from any stream, river, tributary or reservoir anywhere in the state of WA	Dave Clark	See above rationale.
It shall be unlawful to kill a wild steelhead coming from any stream, river, tributary or reservoir anywhere in the state of WA - a wild steelhead is defined as any steelhead that does not have a clipped adipose fin.	Dave Clark	See above rationale.

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Statewide wild steelhead release - no exceptions.	Dave Aughey	See above rationale.
Statewide release of all wild steelhead, year around, no exceptions	Stephan Ostberg	See above rationale.
Mandatory release of all wild steelhead , no exceptions	Robert Masons	See above rationale.
Statewide wild steelhead release - no exceptions.	Ryan Petzold	See above rationale.
Catch and release only for wild steelhead - enforce no retention of wild steelhead on all waters	Teeg Stouffer	See above rationale.
Statewide release for all wild steelhead - no exceptions	Richard Raisler	See above rationale.
Wild steelhead release state wide no exceptions.	Jerry Schroeder	See above rationale.
Statewide release for all wild steelhead - no exceptions	Neil Oldenburg	See above rationale.
Total release of all wild steelhead not just summer run fish.	John McGlenn	See above rationale.
Statewide mandatory release of all wild steelhead year round no exceptions.	Thomas Buehrens	See above rationale.
Release of all wild steelhead statewide. No catch and keep of wild steelhead anywhere - with no exceptions.	Ed Scherer	See above rationale.
No wild steelhead may be retained, statewide, no exceptions.	Richard Burge	See above rationale.
Catch and release only for all wild steelhead - statewide	Tim Cottage	See above rationale.
Statewide wild steelhead release, year around, no exceptions.	Richard Simms	See above rationale.
Make it mandatory to release all wild steelhead.	James Grieve	See above rationale.
Statewide release for all wild steelhead - no exceptions	Steve Berns	See above rationale.
Wild steelhead year round release no exceptions.	Jeff Johnson	See above rationale.
Release wild steelhead no exceptions statewide	Shannon Holliday	See above rationale.
Release of wild steelhead statewide no exceptions.	Kurt Sherwood	See above rationale.
Release all wild steelhead with no exceptions	Joseph Kelly	See above rationale.
Statewide release of all wild steelhead, no exceptions	Michael Joe Cummins	See above rationale.
Release of wild steelhead required year-round. No exceptions.	Jamie Gjesdahl	See above rationale.

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Statewide release of all wild steelhead, no exceptions	Lance Henie	See above rationale.
Statewide release of all wild steelhead, year around, no exceptions	Lawrence Doyle	See above rationale.
<b>Sturgeon</b>		
Stop the catch & release fishery for oversize sturgeon in the Columbia below Bonneville dam.	Marv Davenport	See proposal in mailout to increase the area below Bonneville Dam that is closed to fishing for sturgeon from a boat.
Columbia River - no direct fishing for over-size sturgeon. Use only 1 single point hook for sturgeon.	Milt Gudgell	Cannot prevent fishing directed at oversize fish when there are legal size fish available to be caught. Mailout does include a proposal to close a larger area to the catch and release of oversize sturgeon.
Columbia River Bonneville Pool sturgeon season - don't open until May 16.	Jeff Nicol	Currently, this is one of the few fisheries open during the early part of the year. In the late spring and summer, there are many more angling opportunities.
Sturgeon on the Columbia above McNary Dam - annual limit of 1 fish.	Udell Burton	Commission is has just dropped+C357 the annual limit to 5 fish.
Sturgeon - require barbless hooks. Minimum size should be 50 to 60 inches.	Ralph Hatzenbeler	Barbless hooks are already required. There is good science behind the current slot limit.
<b>Region 1</b>		
Grande Ronde River - extend selective gear rules through December 31	Reed Kalder	Management intent is to maximize harvest of available hatchery steelhead to allow for recreation, and to reduce potential spawning impact by surplus hatchery fish upon wild steelhead stocks. This proposal conflicts with agency sponsored proposal to expand allowable use of bait beginning September 1.
<b>Region 2</b>		
<b>BULL TROUT PROPOSALS</b>		
Lake Wenatchee (Chelan Co) - Proposal A - add selective gear rule: no bait, single barbless hooks with gap size less than 5/16 inch.	US Fish and Wildlife Service	A modified version was put out in the mailout for public comment.
Lake Wenatchee (Chelan Co) Proposal B - add selective gear: no bait, single barbless hooks	US Fish and Wildlife Service	A modified version was put out in the mailout for public comment.
Chikamin Creek (Chelan Co) Proposal A - season June 1 - Aug 31, add selective gear rule: no bait; single barbless hooks, hooks with gap size less than 5/16"	US Fish and Wildlife Service	A modified version was put out in the mailout for public comment.
Chikamin Creek (Chelan Co) Proposal B - season June 1 - Aug 31 - add selective gear rule: no bait; single barbless hooks	US Fish and Wildlife Service	A modified version was put out in the mailout for public comment.
Rock Creek (Chelan Co) Proposal A - Season June 1 - Aug 31 - add selective gear rule: no bait; single barbless hooks, hooks with gap size less than 5/16"	US Fish and Wildlife Service	A modified version was put out in the mailout for public comment.
Rock Creek (Chelan Co) Proposal B - Season June 1 - Aug 31 - add selective gear rule: no bait; single barbless hooks	US Fish and Wildlife Service	A modified version was put out in the mailout for public comment.

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Phelps Creek (Chelan Co) Closed waters - mouth to falls at River Mile 1.	US Fish and Wildlife Service	A modified version was put out in the mailout for public comment.
North Creek (Okanogan Co) - Closed waters from mouth to falls at river mile 0.8 (just above the Twisp River Road)	US Fish and Wildlife Service	A modified version was put out in the mailout for public comment.
Lake Creek (Okanogan Co) from mouth to Black Lake -Proposal A - season June 1 - Aug 31 catch and release only and selective gear rule: no bait; single barbless hooks, hooks with gap size less than 5/16"	US Fish and Wildlife Service	Continue with present closure. The numbers of bull trout spawning in the reach below Black Lake are generally low and should be protected as the reach is flanked by a campground on the lower end and a large, popular trailhead further upstream. This reach was subject to frequent and intense angling. The stream also supports spawning and rearing spring chinook and steelhead, both with an endangered ESA listing.
Lake Creek (Okanogan Co) from mouth to Black Lake -Proposal B - Season June 1 - Aug 31, catch and release and selective gear rule: no bait; single barbless hooks	US Fish and Wildlife Service	Continue with present closure. The numbers of bull trout spawning in the reach below Black Lake are generally low and should be protected as the reach is flanked by a campground on the lower end and a large, popular trailhead further upstream. This reach was subject to frequent and intense angling. The stream also supports spawning and rearing spring chinook and steelhead, both with an endangered ESA listing.
Lake Creek (Okanogan Co) from Black Lake to Three Prong Creek - closed waters	US Fish and Wildlife Service	Lake Creek already has selective gear rules in this area. Staff feel that this offers enough protection at this time.
Lost River (Okanogan Co) mouth to outlet of First Hidden Lake - closed waters	US Fish and Wildlife Service	The proponent implies that the present restrictive fishery in Lost River has affected low abundance of bull trout in the upper Methow River system. While the Lost River likely is contributing via downstream drift, there is no evidence that fishing has limited these contributions. WDFW biologists have surveyed bull trout populations in the upper Lost River (Drake Creek to Cougar Lake) and have found the area virtually unused by anglers. Below Drake Creek, the stream runs dry most years. Access via Drake Creek trail is difficult because of unmaintained trail, a trail that many years ago was occasionally used by horsemen. The only "easy" access to the river is via a long, 8 -9 mile hike to Diamond Creek. Remoteness of the area and limited access assure little angling use. Bull trout are numerous throughout the reach between Drake Creek to Cougar Lake. Of several hundred bull trout captured and released, none has exceeded 13 inches. Whereas regulations restrict harvest to 2 bull trout over 14 inches, the present regulations are essentially a no-harvest allowance. Lost River bull trout have thrived through decades of far more liberal harvest regulations. Of several hundred bull trout captured and released, none has exceeded 13 inches. Whereas regulations restrict harvest to 2 bull trout over 14 inches, the present regulations are essentially a no-harvest allowance. Lost River bull trout have thrived through decades of far more liberal harvest regulations.

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Cougar Lake (Okanogan Co) Closed waters	US Fish and Wildlife Service	Some bull trout likely do move into the upper Lost River during high water, but the lake is not "the source population for the Lost River and the upper Methow River bull trout populations" as stated in the proposal. Bull trout in the Lost River are plentiful and have excellent spawning habitat, as is evidenced by their ability to repopulate quickly after drought reduces flows. The lack of large adfluvial bull trout in Lost River has been known since the early 1980s and the reason may be that the river has a surfeit of fluvial fish, too many to allow fish to grow to large size. The fishery in Cougar Lake has not wiped out bull trout there, nor has it shown any effect on numbers of bull trout in Lost River.
First Hidden Lake (Okanogan Co) Proposal A - daily limit 2, selective gear rule: no bait; single barbless hooks, hooks with gap size less than 5/16"	US Fish and Wildlife Service	Hook size restriction unnecessary, unenforceable and confusing to anglers.
First Hidden Lake (Okanogan Co) Proposal B - daily limit 2, selective gear rule: no bait; single barbless hooks	US Fish and Wildlife Service	The Hidden Lakes (First and Middle) are not a primary source of replenishment of bull trout for Lost River. Some fish may move into Cougar Lake from First Hidden, but this would occur during very high runoff years. A better approach would be make a sustained commitment to posting trailheads, and perhaps at campsites and accesses to the lakes regarding bull trout identification and regulations.
Middle Hidden Lake (Okanogan Co) Proposal A - daily limit 2, selective gear rule: no bait; single barbless hooks, hooks with gap size less than 5/16"	US Fish and Wildlife Service	Hook size restriction unnecessary, unenforceable and confusing to anglers.
Middle Hidden Lake (Okanogan Co) Proposal B - daily limit 2, selective gear rule: no bait; single barbless hooks	US Fish and Wildlife Service	The Hidden Lakes (First and Middle) are not a primary source of replenishment of bull trout for Lost River. Some fish may move into Cougar Lake from First Hidden, but this would occur during very high runoff years. A better approach would be make a sustained commitment to posting trailheads, and perhaps at campsites and accesses to the lakes regarding bull trout identification and regulations.
Ptarmigan Creek (Okanogan Co) Closed waters	US Fish and Wildlife Service	We do not know whether bull trout in Ptarmigan are adfluvials from First Hidden and/or Cougar Lakes, or if these are resident fluvials to Ptarmigan Creek. Ptarmigan flows into an intermittent marsh prior to entering the stream which connects First Hidden and Cougar Lake. This connecting stream is intermittent also. Therefore, use of Ptarmigan Creek (assuming adfluvial migrants) is likely to occur only during high runoff years, years when flows are continuous throughout summer and fall to allow spawner access. Otherwise, presence of bull trout spawners would have to be resident fluvials. Present stream regulations allow for two trout and is closed to bull trout. Perhaps posting signs at trailheads or on the trail along Ptarmigan Creek might better serve the purpose of protecting bull trout.
<b>Upper Columbia Streams</b>		
Open White River (Chelan Co) from the falls to the mouth at Lake Wenatchee to catch and release and fly fishing only for trout (except Dolly Varden) June 1 - October 31. Also open for whitefish only December 1 - March 31.	Jeffrey May	Results from WDFW sampling document that the assemblage of fish in this section of the White River is composed of much greater than 50% endangered steelhead and spring chinook; only a very small portion of the fish are resident trout or whitefish. NOAA fisheries has made it clear that by law they cannot authorize a fishery that targets endangered species.



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Open White River (Chelan Co) from White River Falls to Lake Wenatchee for a normal summer season.	Steven May	Results from WDFW sampling document that the assemblage of fish in this section of the White River is composed of much greater than 50% endangered steelhead and spring chinook; only a very small portion of the fish are resident trout or whitefish. NOAA fisheries has made it clear that by law they cannot authorize a fishery that targets endangered species.
Open White River (Chelan Co) from mouth to the falls for trout (catch-and-release) June 1 - Oct 31, and for whitefish December through march.	Donald Wright	Results from WDFW sampling document that the assemblage of fish in this section of the White River is composed of much greater than 50% endangered steelhead and spring chinook; only a very small portion of the fish are resident trout or whitefish. NOAA fisheries has made it clear that by law they cannot authorize a fishery that targets endangered species.
Open a catch and release fishery for trout and a whitefish season on the White (Chelan Co) and Little Wenatchee Rivers	Linda Sprague May	Results from WDFW sampling document that the assemblage of fish in this section of the White and Little Wenatchee rivers is composed of much greater than 50% endangered steelhead and spring chinook; only a very small portion of the fish are resident trout or whitefish. NOAA fisheries has made it clear that by law they cannot authorize a fishery that targets an assemblage of fish that is > 50% endangered.
Entiat River - Open the area from Fox Creek Campground to Entiat Falls July 31 to Oct 31 catch and release and fly fishing only for trout.	Richard Bowers	Results from past WDFW sampling document that the assemblage of fish in Entiat River is composed of much greater than 50% endangered steelhead and spring chinook; only a small portion of the fish are resident trout or whitefish. NOAA fisheries has made it clear that by law they cannot authorize a fishery that targets endangered species.
Wenatchee, White and Entiat rivers - June 1 - Oct 31 - open to catch and release fly fishing (all species) but allow whitefish to be kept.	Jeff Elader	Results from WDFW sampling document that the assemblage of fish in the Entiat, White and Wenatchee rivers is composed of much greater than 50% endangered steelhead and spring chinook; only a very small portion of the fish are resident trout or whitefish. NOAA fisheries has made it clear that by law they cannot authorize a fishery that targets an assemblage of fish that is > 50% endangered. And we currently have a whitefish season on Wenatchee and Entiat.
Re-open Wenatchee and White (falls to mouth) rivers for trout fishing for kids 15 and under April - November and have whitefish open year round.	Michael Kinzebach	Few trout (non-anadromous) in these systems. Kids cannot be treated differently; they will inflict mortalities on listed stocks (see above proposals). And currently have a whitefish season on the Wenatchee.
Open White and Icicle rivers for trout June 1 - Oct 31 and for whitefish Dec 1 - Mar 31.	Bruce Fullerton	Most of Icicle River is already open to trout fishing; i.e., from Leavenworth Hatchery upstream. Below this is spawning and rearing area for listed steelhead. Results from WDFW sampling document that the assemblage of fish in this section of the White River is composed of much greater than 50% endangered steelhead and spring chinook; only a very small portion of the fish are resident trout or whitefish. NOAA fisheries has made it clear that by law they cannot authorize a fishery that targets endangered species.
Re-open Entiat and White rivers (Chelan Co) to C&R and fly fishing only for trout June 1 - Oct 31 and for catch and keep whitefish Dec 1 - Mar 31.	LaRhonda Kinzebach	Results from WDFW sampling document that the assemblage of fish in the Entiat, White and Icicle rivers is composed of much greater than 50% endangered steelhead and spring chinook; only a very small portion of the fish are resident trout or whitefish. NOAA fisheries has made it clear that by law they cannot authorize a fishery that targets an assemblage of fish that is > 50% endangered. And we currently have a whitefish season on the Entiat.

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Entiat River - open from Fox Creek Campground to Entiat Falls - Aug 1 - Oct 31, all species - catch and release and fly fishing only.	John Wilson	Results from past WDFW sampling document that the assemblage of fish in Entiat River is composed of much greater than 50% endangered steelhead and spring chinook; only a small portion of the fish are resident trout or whitefish. NOAA fisheries has made it clear that by law they cannot authorize a fishery that targets an assemblage of fish that is > 50% endangered, nor would WDFW want to.
Wenatchee River - open Tumwater canyon Aug 1- Oct 31 - all species; catch and release and fly fishing only.	John Wilson	Results from WDFW sampling document that the assemblage of fish in this section of the Wenatchee River is composed of much more than 50% endangered steelhead and spring chinook only a small portion of the fish are resident trout or whitefish. NOAA fisheries has made it clear that by law they cannot authorize a fishery that targets an assemblage of fish that is > 50% endangered, nor would WDFW want to.
Wenatchee River from the city of Plain to the city of Monitor - open year-round, fly fishing only, catch and release only.	Terry Coyle	Results from WDFW sampling document that the assemblage of fish in this section of the Wenatchee River is composed of much greater than 50% endangered steelhead and spring chinook. NOAA fisheries has made it clear that by law they cannot authorize a fishery that targets an assemblage of fish that is > 50% endangered, nor would WDFW want to. Proposal suggests that a change from the present closure to a regulation that allows catch and release is needed for the "preservation and conservation of native salmon and habitat". The argument is illogical. How does catching and releasing endangered steelhead and salmon for sport preserve native salmon and their habitat?
Wenatchee River - open Tumwater Canyon July 1 - Oct 31 catch and release and fly fishing only for trout.	Richard Bowers	Results from WDFW sampling document that the assemblage of fish in this section of the Wenatchee River is composed of much more than 50% endangered steelhead and spring chinook only a small portion of the fish are resident trout or whitefish. NOAA fisheries has made it clear that by law they cannot authorize a fishery that targets endangered species.
Methow River - June 1 - Sept 30 C&R season for trout - lower boundary area should be Burma Bridge (9 miles below Gold Creek)	Bill Mackay	Cannot risk loss of present trout fishery in an attempt to gain more fishing area. The present boundaries were worked out by WDFW in response and in agreement with local anglers and NOAA Fisheries.
Methow River - June 1 - Sept 30 C&R season for trout - lower boundary area should be Burma Bridge (9 miles below Gold Creek)	Ben Dennis	Cannot risk loss of present trout fishery in an attempt to gain more fishing area. The present boundaries were worked out by WDFW in response and in agreement with local anglers and NOAA Fisheries.
Crab Creek Hwy 17 to Road 7, open year-round, no hook restrictions.	Richard Carpenter	The current rule was a compromise worked out last year in response to a rule adopted the previous year to address complaints of snagging walleye. The current rule invited little complaint during its first season, and should be left standing for the near future. WDFW Enforcement has not indicated to Fish Mgt any desire to revert back to past regulations, and it is comfortable with enforcement of the current regulation.
<b>Lakes</b>		
Lake Lenore (Grant Co) - catch and release only with single barbless hooks year-round.	John (Kris) Thomas	At this point there is no reason to eliminate harvest opportunity. While we have been aware of increased angling pressure during the harvest fishery, sufficient harvest data is lacking. Escapement at the spawning trap would indicate that the cutthroat population is in good shape, and enforcement presence has been increased during the harvest season.

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Lake Lenore (Grant Co) make the season catch and release only March 1 - November 30.	Pat Burdick	At this point there is no reason to eliminate harvest opportunity. While we have been aware of increased angling pressure during the harvest fishery, sufficient harvest data is lacking. Escapement at the spawning trap would indicate that the cutthroat population is in good shape, and enforcement presence has been increased during the harvest season.
Change lake Lenore (Grant Co) to catch and release only June 1 - November 30.	Randy Englehart	At this point there is no reason to eliminate harvest opportunity. While we have been aware of increased angling pressure during the harvest fishery, sufficient harvest data is lacking. Escapement at the spawning trap would indicate that the cutthroat population is in good shape, and enforcement presence has been increased during the harvest season.
Stock Alkali Lake (Grant Co) with Lahontan Cutthroat trout and make it a year-round catch and release lake with single barbless hooks required.	John Thomas	Currently managed as a warmwater lake with harvest. Lake Lenore fill this fishery niche in this area. We have not established that pH is a problem for any of the species currently inhabiting Alkali Lake. For the near future, monitoring will continue and Alkali Lake will continue to be managed primarily for warmwater species. Trout, both rainbow and cutthroat, have been and will be stocked as available.
Banks Lake (Grant Co) or statewide- bass - daily limit 5, no more than 3 over 15".	Jim Randall	The current bass rule (changed statewide last major cycle) is a better choice to maintain a balanced bass population and provide a better fishery. The results of the long-term study on Banks Lake will help us decide whether smallmouth bass overpopulate Banks Lake and regulation change is warranted.
Change bass size limit on Banks Lake to 5 bass up to 17" or 1 over 17 for smallmouth, and current statewide rule for largemouth.	Clifford Hart	The current bass rule (changed statewide last major cycle) is a better choice to maintain a balanced bass population and provide a better fishery. The results of the long-term study on Banks Lake will help us decide whether smallmouth bass overpopulate Banks Lake and regulation change is warranted.
Banks Lake - smallmouth bass, no size limit, daily limit 5.	Wes Whitlinger	The current bass rule (changed statewide last major cycle) is a better choice to maintain a balanced bass population and provide a better fishery. The results of the long-term study on Banks Lake will help us decide whether smallmouth bass overpopulate Banks Lake and regulation change is warranted.
Statewide, but specifically Banks Lake - change rule for bass to daily limit 5, no more than three over 15:	Allan Fox	The current bass rule (changed statewide last major cycle) is a better choice to maintain a balanced bass population and provide a better fishery. The results of the long-term study on Banks Lake will help us decide whether smallmouth bass overpopulate Banks Lake and regulation change is warranted.
Designate 10 new lakes in Region 2 as selective gear (except handicapped fishers)	Washington State Council - Federation of Fly Fishers	Region 2 has met with the proponent on this and other matters. The region has proposed one additional new selective fishery - Dusty Lk. Ten new lakes in this category would be too many. Data from our recent angler preference survey show that 43% of the respondents think we have enough of these waters, 7% think we have too many, 29% think we need more.
Davis Lake near Winthrop - require artificial lures/barbless hooks with a 5 fish take to 14" to allow brown and rainbow trout to control bass population.	Bill Mackay	Larger browns and rainbow cannot effect significant control over bass. Brown trout as a voracious predator are vastly overrated. Rainbows that turn aggressively piscivorous are rare in any waters of the state.
Davis Lake near Winthrop - require artificial lures/barbless hooks with a 5 fish take to 14".	Ben Dennis	Larger browns and rainbow cannot effect significant control over bass. Brown trout as a voracious predator are vastly overrated. Rainbows that turn aggressively piscivorous are rare in any waters of the state.

Proposal description	Submitter	Rationale
<b>Region 3</b>		
Cle Elum River from mouth to Dam and from Cle Elum Lake to Hayas Lake - open year round, catch and release and selective gear rules (whitefish season remains unchanged)	Scott Rouse	Modified proposal is included in the mailout - Yes - for lower river downstream of Cle Elum Dam. High irrigation flow releases from the reservoir severely limit trout fishing opportunity in June, July and August by making the lower river unfishable/unwadeable. A year-round season and catch & release for trout (like the adjacent mainstem Yakima R.) makes sense in this anadromous fish area (already subject to selective gear rules). No - for the upper river upstream of Cle Elum reservoir. We changed to SGR during the last major cycle (effective 2002) and banned bait. R3 still wants to provide some opportunity for retention of trout in this resident fish only upriver section. Year-round season not necessary because not impacted by Cle Elum Dam operations---traditional stream trout season is appropriate.
Yakima River Roza Dam to Easton Dam - eliminate the whitefish fishery Dec 1 - last day of Feb, or delete the exception to selective gear rules for whitefish.	Steve Joyce and petition	Staff supports a modified proposal that deletes the winter whitefish gear rules from Roza Dam to Keechelus Dam. See mailout for details. Baited (maggots, salmon eggs) size 14 hooks are ideal for catching resident trout and juvenile steelhead. The small hook may prevent injury to adult steelhead, but in this "catch & release" section of the river, elevated hooking mortality on trout/juvenile. steelhead caught on bait should be avoided. Whitefish can still be caught in the upper Yakima R. on whitefish flies with barbless hooks.
<b>Region 4</b>		
Prohibit motorized boats on the entire Nooksack River system, year -round.	Donald Mitchell	WDFW can only limit <u>fishing</u> from motorized boats. A total ban on the use of motorized boats on the Nooksack would need to come from Whatcom County.
Change no bait rule on the Snoqualmie River summer fishery to bait and single barbless hooks.	Edward Gombiski	While the wild summer run steelhead have rebounded somewhat, the recent downturn in marine survivals and resulting run-sizes indicate that it is premature to relax this regulation.
Sauk River from mouth to Darrington Bridge - area should be closed March 1 - May 31. Lots of illegal activity.	James Mason	This area is evaluated each year and closed by emergency rule when it is necessary to protect a weak wild steelhead run. Thank you for the "heads up" on poaching problems. We will pass this information on to our enforcement officers and request that they check on it during this time period.
<b>Stillaguamish</b>		
NF Stillaguamish River - during fly fishing only fishery - add "weighted flies prohibited".	Richard Simms	Not as a permanent rule - can be added by emergency reg as needed due to environmental conditions.
Re-open NF Stillaguamish March- May with selective gear rules, no wild steelhead retention.	HC Smith	Wild winter steelhead remain under-escaped.
NF Stillaguamish, one mile upstream and 1 mile downstream of Deer Creek - during summer when Deer Creek native steelhead are present, allow only floating line and unweighted flies	HC Smith	We need to continue to manage this issue via emergency-regulation. Each year environmental conditions are different.
<b>Skykomish</b>		
Limit use of motorized boats on the Skykomish River to waters below Sultan River bridge.	William Ferro III	WDFW can only limit <u>fishing</u> from motorized boats. A total ban on the use of motorized boats on the Skykomish would need to come from Snohomish County.

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Skykomish River - mouth to forks - add selective gear rules June 1 - Nov 30.	Ryan Petzold	The agency believes that current regulations based on our stream management strategy are adequate to protect both wild parr and adults. River-specific information is needed to add selective gear rules.
NF Skykomish River - add selective gear rules June 1 - Nov 30	Richard Simms	The agency believes that current regulations based on our stream management strategy are adequate to protect both wild parr and adults. River-specific information is needed to add selective gear rules.
Skykomish River - selective gear rules June 1 - Sept 15.	Jeff Johnson	Want to allow the use of bait for salmon during this time period. Hatchery steelhead are also available for harvest.
NF Skykomish - selective gear rules June 1 - last day in Feb	Jeff Johnson	The agency believes that current regulations based on our stream management strategy are adequate to protect both wild parr and adults. River-specific information is needed to add selective gear rules.
Open Skykomish River March - May, selective gear rules, no retention of wild steelhead	HC Smith	Wild winter steelhead remain under-escaped, cannot open a fishery at this time.
Beckler River - catch and release and selective gear rules for all species June 1 - Oct 31	Ryan Petzold	Not necessary for conservation purposes at this time. We would like to retain the use of bait in this area to allow anglers a better chance of removing any stray hatchery fish from the area.
SF Skykomish - allow harvest of unmarked steelhead: 1 per day, 2 per week, 5 per season between Money Creek and the mouth of the Beckler River Aug 1 - Oct 31 as part of a research project.	John Evensen	Prior to harvest of wild steelhead on the upper SF Skykomish, an escapement goal needs to be established. In addition, some method of monitoring the harvest has to be developed. Currently, the population is monitored by counting adults trucked upstream of Sunset Falls. If a fishery is to occur upstream of this point, then either spawning surveys or catch monitoring need to occur. Currently there are no funds for either activity.
<b>Skagit</b>		
Skagit River above Bacon Creek June 1 through December 31 - catch and release only - closed the rest of the year.	Rob Elam	A comprehensive review of the state's hatchery programs is currently being conducted. This may be one of the areas identified for no stocking of hatchery fish and a catch and release regulation. The current regulations should remain in place until this review is completed.
Open Skagit River below Dallas Bridge to steelhead fishing in March and April	Larry Wasserman	Not as a permanent rule, but can still be adjusted by emergency rule as needed.
Skagit River - mouth to Memorial Hwy Bridge - drop selective gear rules.	James Mason	This regulation was put into place recently. It's too soon to change until we evaluate how it is working.
Skagit River from Dalles Bridge to Bacon Creek - area should be closed March 16 - May 31. Lots of illegal activity.	James Mason	This area is evaluated each year and closed by emergency rule when it is necessary to protect a weak wild steelhead run. Thank you for the "heads up" on poaching problems. We will pass this information on to our enforcement officers and request that they check on it during this time period.
Skagit River from Bacon Creek to Gorge Dam - open year-round, catch and release only for game fish and salmon ( or selective gear rules or fly fishing only)	WR Knapp	The closure at the end of February is in place to protect wild steelhead spawners and juvenile anadromous fish.
Open middle Skagit River (Baker River to a point about 10 miles downstream) March - May, selective gear rules, no retention of wild steelhead.	HC Smith	A portion of the proposed area is already open in April for a catch and release fishery when runs are sufficiently strong. The area below the Dalles Bridge is used by wild winter-run steelhead spawners and closes March 15 for their protection.

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Cascade River - mouth to Rockport -Cascade Road Bridge open a short C&R season with selective gear rules March 1 - April 30.	Ryan Miller	Skagit River system winter steelhead are close to or meeting escapement goal - , currently few excess to escapement needs are available. Not enough to support the fishery proposed.
Tokul Creek - mouth to 400' below Dam - open to fishing on the hatchery side of the creek only.	John Fothergill	This area was closed in the early 1990s due to major slide activity in the area. While it is believed that the slide has been stabilized, it is premature to open the area to fishing until the stabilization of the slide has been demonstrated through the winter (the period of the year when the slide was most active in the past.)
Cottage Lake (King Co) - change to year-round season	Lynn Norden	Need to maintain opening day opportunities.
Lost Lake (Snohomish Co)- change to split season like Echo Lake and other local lakes.	Dave DeBois	Commission has taken action to do away with "split seasons" for several lakes in the recent past, including Echo Lake
Lake Hancock (King Co) change season to April 1 - Oct 31	Brian Kraemer	Public access is unclear due to recent land-owner change.
<b>Cedar</b>		
Cedar River - mouth to 300 yards below Landsburg Rd Bridge - open to trout June 1 - Aug 31, minimum size 10" daily limit 2, selective gear rules.	Cedar River Council	Staff recommends a catch and release fishery - see Cedar River proposal in mailout.
Cedar River (King Co) - open from Landsburg Bridge to Lake WA June 1 - Aug 31, trout 14" min size, daily limit2, selective gear rules, no fishing from a boat.	Fred Habenicht	Staff recommends a catch and release fishery - see Cedar River proposal in mailout.
Cedar River - mouth to Landsburg Rd Bridge - open for trout only June 1 - August 31 - minimum size 10", daily limit 2, selective gear rules.	South King County Chapter of Trout Unlimited	Staff recommends a catch and release fishery - see Cedar River proposal in mailout.
Open Cedar River mouth to 300' below Landsburg Dam June 1 - Aug 31 to flyfishing only for trout, minimum size 12" daily limit s selective gear rules.	Joel Bergen	Staff recommends a catch and release fishery - see Cedar River proposal in mailout.
Cedar River - mouth to 300' below Landsburg Dam - June 1 - Aug 31 open to fly fishing only for trout, daily limit 2, minimum size 12".	Jeff Leighton	Staff recommends a catch and release fishery - see Cedar River proposal in mailout.
Cedar River - mouth to Cedar Falls - open for trout only June 1 - Aug 31, fly fishing only, barbless hooks, minimum size 14", daily limit 2.	John Fothergill	Staff recommends a catch and release fishery - see Cedar River proposal in mailout.
Open Cedar River to catch and release and selective gear.	Ed Miller	Staff recommends a catch and release fishery similar to that proposed here - see Cedar River proposal in mailout.
<b>Region 5</b>		
Drano Lake - closed to salmon fishing on Wednesdays Oct 1 - Nov 30.	Yakama Nation	This proposal should go through the PFMC planning process for next year's fisheries. Will be forwarded.

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<b>Klickitat</b>		
Klickitat River from upstream of the Leidl Bridge to the downstream markers at the fish hatchery - fly fishing only.	Doug Miller	Angler preference survey suggests that there are enough selective gear waters. Proposal would also limit opportunity for salmon on surplus fish.
Klickitat River upstream of #5 fishway to boundary markers below fish hatchery - no fishing from a floating device.	Doug Miller	Proposal would limit opportunity for salmon on surplus fish. Only opportunity in the area to use a boat.
Mill Creek (Cowlitz Co) tidal estuary -(mouth to 1st bridge on Mill Ck Rd) Open June 1 - Oct 31 for sea-run cutthroat - wild cutthroat release. Closed to fishing for steelhead. Selective gear rules.	Lower Columbia Flyfishers	See staff proposal in mailout for catch and release only for trout in Mill Creek.
Grays River - mouth to SF Grays angling deadline - leave C&R fishery open till April 15 for hatchery steelhead.	Frank Amato for Willapa Anglers	No hatchery fish available at this time. This would have impacts to wild winter fish - these fish are under-escaped.
Grays River and Naselle River - open in March and April for steelhead fishing, catch and release and selective gear rules.	No for Grays Naselle C&R and SGR Mar 1 - Apr 15	No for Grays River - escapement below goal. Not enough wild winter fish to sustain any loss. See mailout for modified proposal for Naselle River.
Close night fishing on Washougal River Railroad Bridge to 3rd Ave Bridge June 1 - Oct 31	Washougal River Neighbors	A night closure already in place Sept 1 - Oct 31. The night closure is not needed prior to this time because it is put in place to protect salmon, which don't enter the area until September.
<b>Crayfish</b>		
No fishing for crayfish on Lake Merrill (Cowlitz Co).	Chuck Fox	Lake Merrill is closed to the commercial harvest of crayfish. Staff feels that the current rules, which include a closed season, a daily limit, a size restriction, and a prohibition to the taking of gravid females provide adequate protection for crayfish in this large lake.
<b>Region 6</b>		
<b>Lake Cushman</b>		
Lake Cushman - closed to fishing for Chinook salmon year-round	Sue McGill/John Meyer - Olympic National Park	Lake Cushman chinook are most likely of hatchery origin with a narrow genetic base and not a stock in need of total protection.
Lake Cushman (Mason Co) - Proposal A - add selective gear (no bait or any fish whole or in part; single barbless hook, hooks with gap size less than 5/16 inch; no flashers or dodgers.	US Fish and Wildlife Service	The Department does not feel that additional regulations are needed for protection of bull trout at this time. We will continue to monitor and take action if it is warranted.
Lake Cushman (Mason Co) Proposal B - add selective gear; no bait, single barbless hook.	US Fish and Wildlife Service	The Department does not feel that additional regulations are needed for protection of bull trout at this time. We will continue to monitor and take action if it is warranted.
Dungeness River - mouth to hatchery intake - open for trout Oct 16 - April 30	Marty Michaelis	Modified end date to Mar 15 and placed in mailout for comment.
Elwha River - mouth to Aldwell Dam - open to trout June 1 - April 30	Marty Michaelis	Because there are very few wild steelhead (less than 300) left in the Elwha and the dams are scheduled to come out in 2007, we need every wild steelhead to restore this run. We cannot justify mortality on this run.

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Elwha River - open waters from 200' downstream of south spillway on Aldwell Lake Dam to Aldwell Dam	Marty Michaelis	This area was closed in the past primarily due to the snagging problem in two deep pools on the right bank near the face of the dam. There are no summer steelhead present now. There may be a few cutthroat present. However, some adult chinook do concentrate in those pools and are often seen near the surface. These are ESA listed Threatened chinook which will certainly be harassed if this area is opened.
Grays River and Naselle River - open in March and April for steelhead fishing, catch and release and selective gear rules.	Jack Berryman	Modified proposal included in mailout for public comment -for Naselle River only, catch and release and selective gear rules March 1 - April 15.
Naselle River - mouth to deadline at North Fork - extend season for hatchery steelhead to April 15.	Frank Amato	Modified proposal included in mailout for public comment -catch and release and selective gear rules March 1 - April 15.
EF Satsop River upstream of the bridge at Schaefer Park - extend the season for hatchery coho through November, but fly fishing only for both salmon and game fish during November.	Washington Council of Trout Unlimited - Jim Tuggle	Modified to selective gear instead of fly fishing only and included in the mailout for comment
Satsop and Wynoochee Rivers - extend winter steelhead season through April 15, wild steelhead release required.	Washington Council of Trout Unlimited - Jim Tuggle	These rivers are evaluated and any season extension is done on an annual basis by emergency rule when it is warranted by run size.
<b>Olympic Peninsula</b>		
Quillayute River System - anglers must stop fishing after retaining one wild steelhead (Feb 1 - April 30)	Terry Coyle	Eliminates harvest of hatchery fish after Feb. 1 - hatchery fish present through early March. Further restricts opportunity.
Hoh River (Jefferson Co) - allow wild steelhead retention from the mouth to the Park boundary	Marty Michaelis	Adequate area for wild harvest is available in the Hoh River system - above Hwy 101 addressing angler preference survey request for more catch and release.
Hoh, Quillayute river system - Dec 1 - April 30 bait and barbed hooks allowed for steelhead	Marty Michaelis	In wild release areas the general rule is to stay with selective gear rules.
Hoh and Quillayute river systems - when fishing for steelhead and selective gear rules are in effect, no one may fish from a floating device unless anchored in the river	Marty Michaelis	This proposal would take away a primary fishing method used by boat anglers. Most of the effort in this area is from boat anglers.
On the Quillayute system, Hoh, and Queets - where anadromous species are present, allow only artificial lures after March 1 through the summer.	HC Smith	Where significant salmon and steelhead opportunities exist, the use of bait should be allowed to increase opportunity for harvest.
Upper Hoh and upper Sol Duc rivers - should be able to use boats for transit only.	HC Smith	No need for the proposal because selective gear rules (which include no fishing from a boat equipped with an internal combustion engine) are in effect in both of these areas.
Quillayute system/Hoh - change to 1 fish per day retention after Feb 1 and after a fish is retained you must stop fishing.	HC Smith	There is not biological data to support the need (healthy runs in both systems).



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Hoh and Bogachiel rivers - keep open in April and May, wild fish release, selective gear rules.	HC Smith	WDFW is proposing to close all coastal rivers on 4/15. This provides protection to adult steelhead at the peak of their spawning activity and to smolts at the peak of their outmigration. In most years, the Hoh opens May 16 for spring chinook and wild steelhead release, so it is only closed for one month. The Sol Duc and Quillayute remain open after April for spring chinook and wild steelhead release (they never close completely). The other major rivers on the coast are closed from Apr. 15 until June 1 (only 1 1/2 months).
Calawah River - Hwy 101 Bridge to Park Boundary Def 1 - April 30 remove selective gear rules and allow retention of 1 wild fish per day.	Marty Michaelis	See Calawah River proposal in mailout which extends the open time period in the South Fork Calawah from Feb. 29 to Apr. 15 for wild steelhead release. 2003 wild escapement took the first significant drop since the early 1990's and is 2,000 fish below the previous 5 yr. avg. However, it is still 1,100 fish above the escapement goal and extending the opportunity for wild release is justified. Extending a harvest fishery after experiencing a significant drop in escapement is not justified.
Quinault River - extend winter steelhead season through April 15, with wild steelhead release required.	Washington Council of Trout Unlimited - Jim Tuggle	Modified to allow wild steelhead retention and included in the mailout for comment
Quinault River - extend season (and wild steelhead retention) through April 30	Hal Boynton	Modified and included in the mailout for comment
Chehalis River lower section - change salmon daily limit to 1 (adult) daily and allow barbed treble hooks.	Jerry Prescott	Barbed treble hooks make release of non-target fish very difficult. This is decided annually at North of Falcon process. Proposal will be forwarded. See information in mailout and on website about how to become involved in this process.
Teal Lake (Jefferson Co) open all year, STWD rules, no internal combustion engines. Trout: catch and release and barbless hooks required Sept 1 - 3rd Saturday in April	Port Ludlow Fly Fishers - Archie Charawell	Proposal modified to close March 31 until opening day of trout season (so that lake can be stocked) and included in mailout for comment.
Prices Lake (Mason Co) - change from catch & release to min size 12" daily limit 2 trout. Keep selective gear rules.	Gordon Thomas	Prices Lake is managed as a quality water - we need to reduce stocking or fix the ramp
Add a selective gear fly fishing only lake near Belfair. Recommendation of Aldrich Lake - or if not, Howell, Wood, Don (Clara) Cady or Deveraux.	James Brosis	We do not recommend any more selective gear/fly only lakes in the Belfair/Macon County area - consistent now with angler preference survey - also, Cady Lake already is limited to catch and release and fly fishing only.
Beaver Lake (Clallam Co) change daily limit to 5 trout, maximum size 12" - no limit on warmwater species (retain selective gear rules except electric motors allowed)	John Sherbourne	Modified and included in the mailout for comment. The main warmwater predator in this lake is yellow perch, which already have no daily or size limit.
<b>No motors on the Satsop</b>		
Satsop River - no motors on the East Fork from the mouth to the bridge at Schafer State Park	Walter Sponek	See proposal in mailout for Satsop and Wynoochee Rivers.
Satsop River - no motors on the East Fork from the mouth to the bridge at Schafer State Park	Merle Braun	See proposal in mailout for Satsop and Wynoochee Rivers.
Satsop River - no motors on the East Fork from the mouth to the bridge at Schafer State Park	Annie Braun	See proposal in mailout for Satsop and Wynoochee Rivers.

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Satsop River - no motors on the East Fork from the mouth to the bridge at Schafer State Park	Pat Shattuck	See proposal in mailout for Satsop and Wynoochee Rivers.
Satsop River - no motors on the East Fork from the mouth to the bridge at Schafer State Park	Bruce Shattuck	See proposal in mailout for Satsop and Wynoochee Rivers.
Satsop River - no motors on the East Fork from the mouth to the bridge at Schafer State Park	Michael Neese	See proposal in mailout for Satsop and Wynoochee Rivers.
Satsop River - no motors on the East Fork from the mouth to the bridge at Schafer State Park	Cora Spenck	See proposal in mailout for Satsop and Wynoochee Rivers.
Satsop River - no motors on the East Fork from the mouth to the bridge at Schafer State Park	Helen Neese	See proposal in mailout for Satsop and Wynoochee Rivers.
Satsop River - no motors on the East Fork from the mouth to the bridge at Schafer State Park	Henry Cook	See proposal in mailout for Satsop and Wynoochee Rivers.
Satsop River - no motors on the East Fork from the mouth to the bridge at Schafer State Park	Stan Osina	See proposal in mailout for Satsop and Wynoochee Rivers.
Satsop River - no motors on the East Fork from the mouth to the bridge at Schafer State Park	Stan Osina Jr	See proposal in mailout for Satsop and Wynoochee Rivers.
Satsop River - no motors on the East Fork from the mouth to the bridge at Schafer State Park	Frank Denshe	See proposal in mailout for Satsop and Wynoochee Rivers.
Satsop River - no motors on the East Fork from the mouth to the bridge at Schafer State Park	Gary Parker	See proposal in mailout for Satsop and Wynoochee Rivers.
Satsop River - no motors on the East Fork from the mouth to the bridge at Schafer State Park	Teresa and Lawrence Saviage	See proposal in mailout for Satsop and Wynoochee Rivers.
Satsop River - no motors on the East Fork from the mouth to the bridge at Schafer State Park	John and Alice Mann	See proposal in mailout for Satsop and Wynoochee Rivers.
Satsop River - no motors on the East Fork from the mouth to the bridge at Schafer State Park	Daniel Paulsen	See proposal in mailout for Satsop and Wynoochee Rivers.
Satsop River - no motors on the East Fork from the mouth to the bridge at Schafer State Park	Gary Calavan	See proposal in mailout for Satsop and Wynoochee Rivers.
Satsop River - no motors on the East Fork from the mouth to the bridge at Schafer State Park	Lynda Calavan	See proposal in mailout for Satsop and Wynoochee Rivers.
Satsop River - no motors on the East Fork from the mouth to the bridge at Schafer State Park	Middleton Eason	See proposal in mailout for Satsop and Wynoochee Rivers.
Satsop River - no motors on the East Fork from the mouth to the bridge at Schafer State Park	Velma Eason	See proposal in mailout for Satsop and Wynoochee Rivers.
Satsop River - no motors on the East Fork from the mouth to the bridge at Schafer State Park	Rex Clarkston	See proposal in mailout for Satsop and Wynoochee Rivers.
Satsop River - no motors on the East Fork from the mouth to the bridge at Schafer State Park	Doris Clarkston	See proposal in mailout for Satsop and Wynoochee Rivers.
Satsop River - no motors from the mouth to the bridge at Schafer State Park	Terry Cargil	See proposal in mailout for Satsop and Wynoochee Rivers.
Satsop River - no motors from the mouth to the bridge at Schafer State Park	Mike Creighton	See proposal in mailout for Satsop and Wynoochee Rivers.

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Satsop River - no motors on the East Fork from the mouth to the bridge at Schafer State Park	Mary Venske	See proposal in mailout for Satsop and Wynoochee Rivers.
Satsop River - no motors on the East Fork from the mouth to the bridge at Schafer State Park	carlyn Osina	See proposal in mailout for Satsop and Wynoochee Rivers.
Satsop River - no motors on the East Fork from the mouth to the bridge at Schafer State Park	Somer Osina	See proposal in mailout for Satsop and Wynoochee Rivers.
Satsop River - no motors on the East Fork from the mouth to the bridge at Schafer State Park	Warren Stubb Jr	See proposal in mailout for Satsop and Wynoochee Rivers.
Satsop River - no motors on the East Fork from the mouth to the bridge at Schafer State Park	Gene Reznick	See proposal in mailout for Satsop and Wynoochee Rivers.
Satsop River - no motors on the East Fork from the mouth to the bridge at Schafer State Park	Alan Reznick	See proposal in mailout for Satsop and Wynoochee Rivers.
Satsop River - no motors on the East Fork from the mouth to the bridge at Schafer State Park	Paul Christensen	See proposal in mailout for Satsop and Wynoochee Rivers.
Satsop River - no motors on the East Fork from the mouth to the bridge at Schafer State Park	Bennett Baker	See proposal in mailout for Satsop and Wynoochee Rivers.
Satsop River - no motors on the East Fork from the mouth to the bridge at Schafer State Park	James Bulawa	See proposal in mailout for Satsop and Wynoochee Rivers.
Satsop River - no motors on the East Fork from the mouth to the bridge at Schafer State Park	Ralph Fristad	See proposal in mailout for Satsop and Wynoochee Rivers.
Satsop River - no motors on the East Fork from the mouth to the bridge at Schafer State Park	Meg Angevine	See proposal in mailout for Satsop and Wynoochee Rivers.
Satsop River - no motors on the East Fork from the mouth to the bridge at Schafer State Park	Sharon Loesch	See proposal in mailout for Satsop and Wynoochee Rivers.
Satsop River - no motors on the East Fork from the mouth to the bridge at Schafer State Park	David Prusad	See proposal in mailout for Satsop and Wynoochee Rivers.
Satsop River - no motors on the East Fork from the mouth to the bridge at Schafer State Park	A Rheume	See proposal in mailout for Satsop and Wynoochee Rivers.